

Appl. No. 10/626,239
Amdt. Dated September 25, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 23, 2006

Docket No. CE11226J1220

Claim Status

Claims 1 and 16 have been rewritten. Claims 1-19 remain in the application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Lenchik et al. (US 2004/003485).

Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 16 so that all three limitations of changing a mode of operation of an input of the device, a mode of operation of a display of the device, and an active software application in response to changing a physical configuration of the device are claimed rather than only two of the three as originally claimed. Applicant reads Lenchik as showing a multi-configuration device that changes display and mode of operation, but Lenchik does not show changing an active software application as claimed by applicant. In rejecting claims 1 and 16 the Rejection doesn't specifically cite anywhere in Lenchik as showing changing of a software application as claimed by Applicant. The Rejection does refer to, for example, claims 34, 60, and 61 in rejecting claim 4, which further limits the element of changing a software application. However, what is described in those paragraphs is generally changing a mode of input or interface. Paragraph 34 describes changing the orientation of graphics, keys, and input elements. The same is true of claims 7, 10, 12, which deal with the limitation of changing a software application. Applicant has left the limitation of changing a mode of operation as an element to emphasize that the change of mode of operation is different than a change in a software application. What Lenchik shows is changing a mode of operation upon changing the physical configuration. That is, how the device is operated is changed. Lenchik is essentially silent on software applications. Conversely, Applicant has described a variety of software applications, such as, for example, at page 5, line 23 to page 6, line 5 (phone dialer, organizer, text messaging applications); page 11, line 19 to page 12, line 2 (phone application); and page 17, lines 14-22; page 18, lines 11-22, as well as in FIG. 6, elements S18 and S24. Thus, as Lenchik does not show changing an active software application upon changing the physical configuration of the device, Applicant believes claims 1 and 16, and therefore the remaining claims being dependent on either claim 1 or 16, are patentable over Lenchik.

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The Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

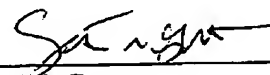
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overpayment, to Motorola, Inc., Deposit Account Number 50-2117.

Respectfully submitted,

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